

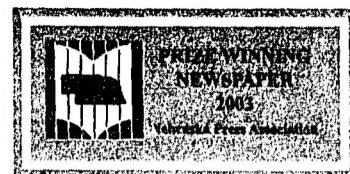
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## UNO's newest royalty

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Michelle Bishop

Lamarr Womble of Student Orientation and Leadership Organizations and Angela Setzle of Chi Omega smile at the crowd after being crowned as king and queen for Homecoming 2004 during halftime at the UNO vs. Minnesota-Duluth game Saturday at Al Caniglia Field. UNO won the game 38-24.

## Worker party's Presidential candidate Calero makes visit to Omaha

J. PARKER ADAIR  
NEWS EDITOR

While presidential candidates George W. Bush and John Kerry were debating, and while Green Party candidate David Cobb was being arrested for being at that debate, Socialist Workers Party candidate Róger Calero made a campaign stop to speak with the people he represents, the workers.

Calero paid a visit to the Swift and Co. plant Thursday to spread knowledge of his party, which has run candidates in presidential elections since 1948. He made other stops during the day, including a speech at Creighton University and UNO.

The SWP nominated Calero at its June convention, seeing him as someone who could get the word out about the party, and help build toward a future challenge at the White House.

"It's important for working people to have a voice in defense of labor," Calero said. "We feel obligated to run candidates to

present our party and the devastating effect of the economic crisis."

While he was born in Nicaragua, Calero still knows about the American working person. He has lived in the United States since 1985.

Calero, 35, is an associate editor of *Perspectiva Mundial*, a Spanish-language magazine. He also serves as a staff writer for the *Militant*. Calero participated in a union-organizing drive in Minnesota, where he worked as a meatpacker. In 2002, Calero worked to mobilize support for a broad campaign to block a U.S. government attempt to deport him to Nicaragua. Calero sees it as a victorious struggle that set an example of how to fight and beat back government attempts to deport others in similar situations. Arrin Hawkins, 29, is the SWP candidate for Vice President.

Calero's Latin American ties also help him understand current working conditions in America.

"Issues that workers and farmers

face here aren't that different than millions worldwide," Calero said.

He calls for an "act of solidarity" amongst workers in other nations.

"We have much more in common than we do with the millionaires," he said. "Since the early 1970's, the ruling class has forced attacks on jobs, going after wages and jobs, and lowering the social wage."

He and the SWP view the two major party candidates as being nearly identical.

"The last decade has been carried out by administrators that may have tactical differences such as Social Security and Iraq," Calero said, "but they are saying the same

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Socialist Workers Party candidate Roger Calero speaks to workers at the Swiftland Co. plant Friday afternoon. He also made stops at Creighton University and at UNO.

courtesy photo

### Omaha Weather

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Partly Cloudy  
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## UNO Student Senator voter's guide

COMPILED BY J. PARKER ADAIR  
News Editor

### Senior Class Senator

Name on Ballot: Molly Miller

College: Education

Major: Recreational Therapy

Reason candidate is running for office: "This will possibly be my third year on Student Government and I feel I bring a lot of experience to the table. I enjoy it and I work hard. I also know a diverse group of people. This gives me a lot of insight on knowing the needs of my fellow students."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. University recognition throughout the university system
2. Student apathy
3. Getting more people involved in supporting UNO athletics

Name on Ballot: Peter Muon

College: Arts and Sciences

Major: International Studies

Reason candidate is running for office: "To voice the parking issue for disabled students, lobby for internship opportunity for arts and sciences students, international students enrollment fees are too high, parking tickets, printing costs at UNO, bringing more recognized governmental speakers to UNO."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Disabled parking issue
2. Printing costs on campus
3. Internship opportunity for arts and sciences students

### Junior Class Senator

Name on Ballot: Jane

Splitzgerber

College: Education

Major: Physical Education (K-12)  
Reason candidate is running for office: "Student Government is my opportunity to give input into UNO and be more involved. I love meeting and interacting with new people. This previous year, I was the Budget Committee Chair. I have learned a lot from being a member of Student Government and want to continue representing my class."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Costs for students
2. Improving campus
3. School spirit

### Sophomore Class Senator

Name on Ballot: John Coleman

College: Arts and Sciences

Major: History

Reason candidate is running for office: "My primary reason for running is the inactivity by our current senators. I have heard many great ideas brought forth by our representatives, but few have actually been implemented. They hold office and refuse to take any actions on the ideas they have. I will help turn my classmates' ideas, as well as my own, into policy at UNO."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Parking
2. Student involvement
3. Budget cuts

### Freshman Class Senator

Name on Ballot: Sheena

Kennedy

College: Education

Major: Secondary education

Reason candidate is running for office: "I plan on attending law school and working for our national government in either a state or local

office, or in national security. This position will begin my experience in running for election as well as give me insight into my career field."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Financial aid
2. Tuition and fees
3. Student involvement

Name on Ballot: Justin Nichols

College: University Division

Major: Undecided

Reason candidate is running for office: "I really want to get involved on campus, meet other students and help/represent the (freshman) class."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Improve on campus activities and events
2. Parking
3. Tutoring options

Name on Ballot: Matt Pirog

College: Arts and Sciences

Major: Pre-Pharmacy

Reason candidate is running for office: "I want to get involved on campus and meet new people."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Parking
2. Student activities
3. Housing

Name on Ballot: Melanie D.

Schreiber

College: Business Administration

Major: Business Administration

Reason candidate is running for office: "I really want to get involved. I sincerely care about what happens on campus. I want to help better our school in any way possible, and I know that I could make a difference if

elected. Being a voice for my class and peers would be a great honor for me."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Student involvement
2. Tuition limits
3. Young-mother/father awareness

Name on Ballot: Alex Skillman

College: Engineering and Technology

Major: Architectural Engineering

Reason candidate is running for office: "I want to be able to voice student concerns in a forum that can make a difference and help improve the university in a variety of ways."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. School pride/spirit
2. Bolstering campus social life

### 3. Student involvement

Name on Ballot: Jonathan Cumbee

College: Information Science and Technology

Major: Management Information Systems

Reason candidate is running for office: "To make a difference and help the UNO student body gain access to anything necessary to succeed on and off campus."

#### Three issues of most concern to candidate:

1. Access to class-related technology
2. Equality for all students
3. Student involvement

Name on Ballot: Allie Glover

College: Arts and Sciences

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## For the record

News editor J. Parker Adair compiled the voter's guide for the UNO Student Government presidential and vice presidential candidates in the Oct. 8 edition of The Gateway.

## For the record

The following question and answer from the Oct. 5 issue of The Gateway's "Twenty Questions for the UNO Student" feature was omitted:

20. What question would you like us to ask the next student profiled? "If you could meet any important person from history, who would it be and why?"

## Open House



**Creighton**  
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21st and Cass Streets

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If you are interested in applying to Law School, please attend the Creighton Law School Open House. The program includes a mock class, a law school tour, a session on admissions, and an hors d'oeuvre reception with students, faculty, and administration.

If you plan to attend the Open House, please RSVP to (402) 280-2872  
We look forward to meeting you on October 26<sup>th</sup>

**From GUIDE: Page 2****Major:** Pre Med—Psychology**Reason candidate is running for office:** "I sincerely care about all students having a voice and through this office I hope to be able to express the concerns and desires of the students here at UNO."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. College affordability
2. Bringing in new and exciting events
3. More opportunities for students to expand their learning

**Business Administration College Senator****Name on Ballot:** Josh Shipman**Class:** Sophomore**Major:** Pre-Business**Reason candidate is running for office:** "I enjoy helping students by serving my time and improving the future of UNO."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Student involvement
2. Improving image of Business Administration College
3. Bridging student-faculty gap

**Name on Ballot:** Justin Farivar**Class:** Senior**Major:** Management and Marketing**Reason candidate is running for office:** "I am an extremely qualified person with great governmental knowledge which I gained while interning in Senator Hagel's and Senator Kerry's offices this past summer, and I want to use my knowledge of government to make UNO's Student Government more productive and useful for UNO students."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Student-Administration relations
2. Student Government activities
3. Parking

**Name on Ballot:** Mike White**Class:** Sophomore**Major:** Business Administration**Reason candidate is running for office:** "To help UNO realize and the reach its full potential."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Campus involvement
2. Student life
3. Student health

**Name on Ballot:** Travis Heppner**Class:** Sophomore**Major:** Pre-Business**Reason candidate is running for office:** "I want to get involved in helping the university. Because of my moral courage and personal determination, I believe I will be an excellent representative for the College of Business Administration. On a personal level, I plan to gain governmental experience in the case that my dreams of representation at a state or national level may be more easily realized. The opportunity to network and meet more people on campus will also be enjoyed and treasured."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Learning environment
2. Student Government decisions
3. Student involvement

**Name on Ballot:** Jordan J. Baker (write-in)**Class:** Junior**Major:** Accounting**Reason candidate is running for office:** "I want to institute changes within the university that will help the student body."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Parking
2. Tuition
3. Budget

**Name on Ballot:** Shell Robinson**Class:** Freshman**Major:** Business Finance**Reason candidate is running for office:** "Not only to get more involved at UNO, I want to represent my fellow business students to the best of my ability."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Making student concerns a priority
2. Budget cuts
3. Parking

**Arts and Sciences College Senator****Name on Ballot:** Layne DeSpiegaere**Class:** Freshman**Major:** History and Political Science**Reason candidate is running for office:** "Many students are hesitant to voice their opinions and concerns and I would like to provide a voice for students on campus. I have always had an interest in how a governing body functions, and I now have the opportunity to be a part of such an organization. I am concerned with how the students on campus feel about any policies and I would do my best to make sure that the concerns of the student body are addressed."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Safety
2. Programs for young women
3. Minority issues

**Name on Ballot:** Brandon Browder**Class:** Freshman**Major:** Undecided**Reason candidate is running for office:** "To bring issues important to me and my peers to light and to help make UNO a better campus for the student."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Food court costs
2. Student activity funding
3. More multicultural events

**Name on Ballot:** Amanda Schofield**Class:** Senior**Major:** International Studies**Reason candidate is running for office:** "To enhance students' influence in the university decision-making process."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Student morale and involvement
2. Budget cuts
3. Effective freshman orientation

**Name on Ballot:** Kyla Sanden**Class:** Freshman**Major:** Speech Pathology**Reason candidate is running for office:** "To get involved on campus and meet new people."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

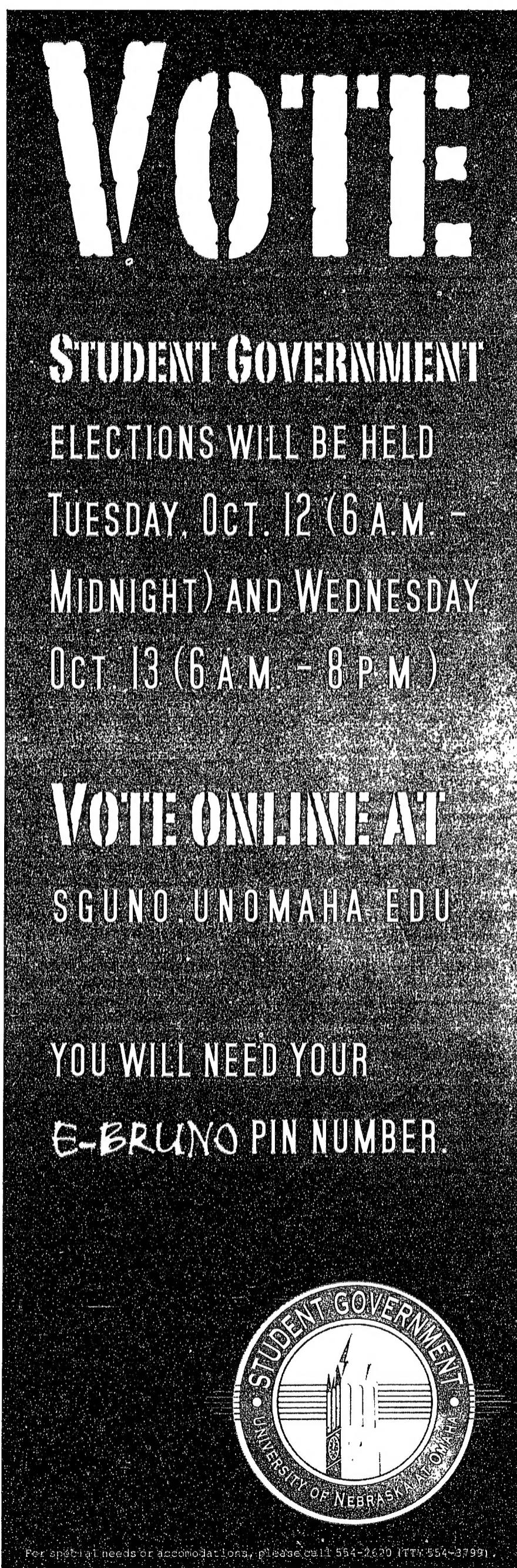
1. Introducing freshmen to Student Government
2. Student involvement
3. Making students feel comfortable at UNO

**Name on Ballot:** Alexander Williams**Class:** Sophomore**Major:** Political Science**Reason candidate is running for office:** "In order to achieve greater things in life one must subject themselves to the fierce intellectual challenges of life. I am all about the challenges and opportunities that life presents. I am proud to be a part of UNO's Student Government and would like the opportunity to continue to represent the College of Arts and Sciences."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Safety
2. Increasing awareness of the role of Student Government
3. Enhancing student life

**Name on Ballot:** Aaron J. Gilliland**Class:** Sophomore**Major:** Geography**Reason candidate is running for office:** "Concerned about student needs being met."**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1. Leadership in Student Government
2. Empowerment of the student
3. Representation for the students

**Name on Ballot:** Matt Chrisman**Class:** Freshman**Major:** Political Science**Reason candidate is running for office:** "I want to be a voice for my class and college"

## Campus crime log

COMPILED BY KIMBERLY BRYANT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Wednesday, Sept. 29

3 p.m. Student reported theft from their vehicle while parked in Lot V. The theft occurred on Sept. 28, 2004, between 2 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

10:19 p.m. Student observed consuming alcohol in Lot R by campus

security officers. Student was advised of University policy concerning alcohol on campus.

Friday, Oct. 1

10:40 a.m. Staff member reported theft of projector from the Milo Bail Student Center. Incident reportedly occurred Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, between 10 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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thing."

Calero sees the country as two Americas: One for those who own for a living, and one who works for a living.

He sees these as major differences and thus a need is created for a party for the workers. While there are many third party candidates, Calero says he sees a right-wing shift with capitalist politics.

Calero sees the need for unions and workers to have a voice. It may take a while, but it is a cause he has dedicated himself to and hopes to make a bigger impact than in elections past.

"Ultimately, what we need to do is build a movement using unions and organizations," Calero said. "We can't just carry out a decree. They (workers' rights) have to be fought for by a massive movement."

For more information on the Socialist Workers Party, write to the Omaha campaign center at P.O. Box 7005-68107 or email omahaoc@netscape.net.

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rated for 13,800 volts. A power outlet in a home or office is 110volts. Safety is paramount with this much juice. Slacking on safety at some jobs can mean a burn or cut. For an electrician working on main lines, it can mean death if the proper precautions aren't taken.

Electric Company of Omaha's plan was to "get past Homecoming."

They did, and later they want to have some scheduled shutdowns. Smith says they are also trying to save UNO money by not having cable specially shipped in.

The power cables under UNO are rated for 20-25 years. Many of them are 35 years old. UNO has a master plan for its utilities that includes replacing these cables. Electric Company of Omaha has its own proposal, but the problem with the proposal is not the money. It's the time.

Since it is a challenge to name a good time to shut down three or four buildings for a period of 24-72 hours, Conley said they are "looking for windows of opportunity."

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through Student Government to enhance their college experience."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Promote organizations
2. Increase community interest and involvement at UNO
3. Transportation

*Name on Ballot:* Chris Schuck

*Class:* Freshman

*Major:* Physics

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I want to be an active part of the UNO campus during my time here. I enjoy being involved and making a difference wherever I can. I think I have a lot to bring to the table in a senatorial position, both in my prior experiences and in new ideas."

Also, I would like to use this time to grow and learn more yet so I can be as productive as possible in my future leadership positions."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Student voice
2. Financing
3. Enjoyable and relaxing campus

*Education College Senator*

*Name on Ballot:* Steve Massara

*Class:* Junior

*Major:* Exercise Science

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I want to help UNO shed its commuter campus feel by representing College of Education students who already have great ideas but don't know where to turn to see those ideas become a

reality. I also want to hear from and serve YOU, my valued constituents. Please feel free to e-mail me at smassara@mail.unomaha.edu or call me at 630-4933 with your concerns or ideas."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Shed commuter campus feel
2. Set a monthly meeting to address College of Education concerns
3. Increase student attendance at events

*Name on Ballot:* Jonathan Lane

*Class:* Freshman

*Major:* Secondary Education

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I love being involved and the thrill of running for office. I also love the political system in the great country of ours."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Smoking
2. Greek life involvement
3. Umbrellas for tables in Milo Bail Plaza

*Name on Ballot:* VaShawn Smith

*Class:* Senior

*Major:* Secondary Education

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I believe my education and years at UNO make me qualified to shape the future needs of our student body. I also believe that with so much diversity on campus, our Student Government body should and needs to be just as diversified."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Retention of African-American males at UNO
2. Diversity and communication between cultural groups at UNO
3. Faculty-Student relationships

*Public Administration and Community Service College Senator*

*Name on Ballot:* Tyler Christian Block

*Class:* Junior

*Major:* Criminal Justice

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I

want to become more involved and make a difference at UNO."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Class sizes
2. Tuition costs
3. Availability of upper-level Criminal Justice courses

*Graduate College Senator*

*Name on Ballot:* Joseph Charbonneau

*Major:* History

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "To ensure representation of my college and class in Student Government."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Meeting the needs of student parents
2. Increasing the research capacity of UNO's library
3. Growth and development of new and existing graduate programs

*Information and Technology College Senator*

*Name on Ballot:* Justin Ptacnik

*Class:* Sophomore

*Major:* Management Information Systems

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I feel I can benefit the UNO student population by providing quality leadership and offering unique and creative ideas."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. Student apathy
2. Campus transportation
3. Communication between student senators and constituents

*University Division College Senator*

*Name on Ballot:* Shayna Royal

*Class:* Freshman

*Major:* Undecided

*Reason candidate is running for office:* "I was very involved in Student Government in high school and really want to continue to be involved in college. Student Government is something that I am very interested in and want to be a part of. I think that Student Government would be a great way to get my voice heard on the UNO campus."

*Three issues of most concern to candidate:*

1. How money is spent at UNO
2. Campus rules and regulations that influence students lives everyday
3. Transportation issues on campus

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# OPINION

Kimberly Bryant | Editor-in-Chief

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## The hitchhiker's guide to the UNO election

October, 2004—About halfway through the fall semester, the entire campus will be called upon to select a new leader for themselves. However, after seeing two of them during my stint here at UNO with UNO elections, I've noticed a few things that I believe that any future candidates should heed, since it could be the keys to victory.

### Point 1: If your opponents are violating the rules in any way, bite your tongue.

Now, I know many of you are yelling at the top of your lungs, saying that "justice may not be served" or "they should play fair." Well, sadly, I do agree with you, but according to past events, parties who complained about election rule breaking have lost the election they participated in. In the first election I witnessed, candidate Krissy Vogel filed grievances against candidate Joe Bilek for then-President Shay Riggs spreading mass e-mails around a college campaigning for Bilek. She filed these after the first election, and the Student Supreme Court, the majority of which happened to be involved in Pi Kappa Alpha, Bilek's fraternity (I will touch this point later), threw out her grievances. She later lost the run-off election.

Now, we move to the 2003 election, where incumbents Bilek and Kane Miller filed three grievances against Rhino party candidate, Tom Centarri. Once again, the high court, half of which belonged to Pi Kappa Alpha, enforced

the grievances, and kicked Centarri out of the election. In the run-off election, Bilek lost to the third player, Jono Croskey.

So, apparently, the public reacts poorly to candidates who complain, and to the extent of filing grievances. The few people who actually vote are sick and tired of these setbacks, and apparently will vote for the candidate who didn't file the grievances. So, as I said before, if you learn that your opponent is breaking the rules, and you want any shot at winning, bite your tongue, or else it will come back to bite you.

### Point 2: If there's a conflict of interest, request the judges be excused.

I said I'd cover this. But perhaps I'd better explain what I mean as a conflict of interest. If you find yourself in front of the electoral tribunal, do your research. Research what groups not only the judges are in, but also your opponent. If you find a parallel in your research between your opponent and any one of the judges, you can request that that specific judge be excused from the hearing. You can because of these "conflicts of interest," the judge could be biased, and be unable to render a fair verdict. I'll give you an

example. In the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Antonin Scalia reclusive, or excluded himself from the Courts' hearing of the Halliburton case, because he and Dick Cheney were friends. The Sierra Club believed that this friendship would render an impartial verdict, especially if Scalia's vote was the tiebreaker. Now, back to our court. In the grievances filed by Kane Miller against Tom Centarri, Centarri could have had the two panel members that were members of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity excluded from the hearing. So, if you notice a conflict of interest with a judge and your opponent, ask them to be excused. If they really are a court for the student body, they must grant your request.

### Point 3: Whoever gets the most votes, wins. Period.

The one thing that basically turns people off from this election is the rule that states that "In order for there to be a winner, one candidate must secure 51 percent of the vote." And if no candidate has this magic number, run-off elections are held again and again until one candidate hits that magic number. I think the fact is people that have voted again and again, and many will ask "What about my

first vote? Didn't that count?" or "Why should I vote again?" I understand this, I feel your anger, and here's how it should work. The first election goes to whoever gets the majority of the votes, regardless of whether or not it's higher than 51 percent. Although, if there's a grievance, I can understand a run-off; but we shouldn't have one because the percent isn't high enough. I'll give you an example of where this rule being removed actually works: In 2003, Californians went to the polls to elect a new governor to replace Gray Davis in the recall election. The favorite candidate, Arnold Schwarzenegger, won the election with 49 percent of the votes. Need I say more? Now, back to the present. In the 2003 election, Rhino Party candidate Tom Centarri would have won the election, netting 43 percent of the vote. So much for the percentages.

So, that in a nutshell is the Hitchhiker's Guide for the UNO Election. If you believe that you can run for the Presidency, trust me on these three points, since I can prove them. Keep your mouth shut, be ready to excuse justices and pray that the Student Government removes the 51 percent rule, and you might actually stand a chance. I, however, won't be taking my own advice, since my services would be better served writing, looking out for everyone, and telling people my opinion about things, as far as I'm concerned.

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

I checked out *The Gateway* for the first time in awhile and saw that UNO is already having Student Government Elections. This is something that I was quite familiar with having run for Business Administration, freshman, Chief Administrative Officer and President/Regent positions in the past.

Knowing that every year a SG/UNO election is hard to finish without a grievance, I am going to take it upon myself to give you, "the voter/student" some advice on how to select the best President/Regent and Vice Presidential candidates. This can also apply to the United States Presidential elections as well if you really want to take it a step further to improve our future on a national scale.

If you want to pick the best candidates, you have to do what is the hardest thing to do in school – research the paper. In this case, your paper is your voice and vote. If you want to be heard, you better make a rational decision in the process.

**Step 1:** Talk to yourself. I know I do this all the time, but sometimes it's the best way to find the right answers. Below is a list of questions you can ask yourself regarding what your needs and wants are as a UNO student.

1. What am I happy with at UNO? How

can I improve this thought?

2. What am I dissatisfied with at UNO? How can I change this?

3. What is OK at UNO, but by doing \_\_\_\_\_, how could it be done differently to fit my needs and wants?

**Step 2:** Talk to your candidates. The best way to find out if a candidate is right to represent UNO and the Board of Regents is to simply talk to them. Get to know their personality, goals and what they plan to do in the office they seek. As I used to say at orientation to new students, "different strokes for different folks." There are many ways to come to the end result and if you feel that a certain ticket running represents how you want to get to the finish line, pass your baton on to them.

Key questions: What is your slogan? What do you stand for? What are your goals?

**Step 3:** Make the decision. It's time to cast your vote online and you want to make sure it's the best decision. You also want to make sure it's not based on popularity, but by who will get the job done, be professional about it and relate to you as a person and not something represented in the movie *Mean Girls*—as a "plastic." Also watch out for illegal campaigning. If you see any illegal campaigning, contact a Student Election Commission Member ASAP at 554-2620.

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## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

I wanted to reply to Josh Bashara's opinion article titled "Existence is a Snowflake," written for the Oct. 5, 2004 edition of *The Gateway*.

I would like to say that I am quite impressed and in awe of the snowflake article because it is the type of article that you don't see regularly in the paper. It was brutally honest, vulnerable, truthful, insightful, deep and was awkward sitting there on the page. I like it. I want more of it.

Displaying vulnerability by one being brings the thinking level of another being to a deep state that is mysterious, insightful and contagious.

I have, like Josh, pondered the "What's the meaning of life?" question. In my mind, that is an easy question. It wasn't always an easy question, however.

I too, have spent many nights in my bed looking at the ceiling wondering if this is it. If this life is all there is? If murder, gossip, jealousy, cheating, football and paying taxes is all there is to look forward to?

My answer, at the age of 22, is no.

It can't be. There is a deep desire in me to experience much, much more. I don't deny the feeling when it arrives and have hope that I will one day experience it – a life without pain, injustice and sorrow, a life that is pure and joyful.

This world is so screwed up. That instinct grows exponentially as you get older I've been told. Why is it this way? Because we have made it this way. But one day, all of our mess-ups and bent lives will be straightened out. There will be a day when we see perfection; when the tainted window of this dirty world will be made clean.

But in order to see this occur, there must be hope and with that hope – faith.

I have realized that because I am so messed up, I can't bend my life back to the way that it was designed to be. Only the designer can bend it back.

That is the difference between my view and most of the world religions out there. Most religions are all about earning your way to nirvana or heaven or someplace of eternal peace. Not for this guy. I can't earn squat. If the designer was on a scale system and only accepted people that were such and such percent that is good rather than bad – than that is a god I don't want to follow.

This is where the truth lays: realizing that we aren't good enough on our own to get a free ticket out of this world. I believe each of us has been given the choice to accept a free ticket, however (the same ticket I might add). Once we find out what that ticket is, only then will we find our purpose and meaning in life.

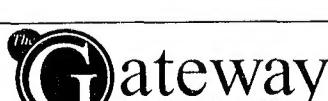
Those who have had the most influence in the world are those who have had a purpose. I believe you, Josh, have a purpose and that you are on the right path. You are already making a dent in people's hearts by vocalizing your thoughts. You are a couple steps ahead of the rest of the world. They are still dead to the fact that they are living and aren't even to the point where they can think about such topics as meaning and purpose. They are just zombies living in a world in which they bow down to and obey without question.

A building doesn't know why it was built unless the architect says why. So I say, go to the source or designer of this world and ask about your purpose and calling, and then you'll finally find peace, hope and truth.

You may not agree with me and you don't have to. However, I hope these words will have taken you to a deeper level of thinking, much like Josh's article did for me. That is the only way to break the surface of this surface-like world.

Tyler Zach

*Editor's note: Tyler Zach is the Systems manager at *The Gateway*, but is not a member of the editorial staff.*



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## UNO's Learning Disabilities program helps students with disabilities in school

BRYAN KOHLER  
STAFF WRITER

When people think of October, Halloween may immediately come to mind. October also marks the start of Disability Awareness Month.

Every college is required to have a Learning Disabilities program. However, students are rarely attracted to it. To be part of the program, it must be on the student's own accord.

"We don't attract students to this program," said Dr. Kristine J. Swain, an assistant professor for UNO's Learning Disabilities Program. "They must come in on their own."

Students who think they have a learning disability must have it identified by a physician before applying for the Learning Disabilities Program. The most common disabilities are communication disorders and language-based disorders.

Disabilities can range from the use of sign language, to not being able to read well. Documentation of learning disabilities is often gathered during the school-age period of one's life. During this time, he or she is tested by physicians. These physicians give the child various tests to see whether or not he or she has a learning disability.

There is much focus on the school-age period because if a disability is detected early, it is easier to treat and possibly cure. Due to this, UNO has the LD Clinic to help school-age children with various disabilities.

"Learning disabilities can be very frustrating for parents when their child has one," said Dr. Swain.

To be entered into this program, parents must sign their child up and possibly wait for a spot to open up. UNO's LD Clinic has quite a long waiting list because it is highly regarded. This clinic helps the enrolled children with learning strategies, work ethic and other aspects of school.

Even though there are programs such as this, many adults still deny the fact that they might have a disability. People who potentially have one, for example, may regard themselves as having bad vocabulary. They sometimes also state that they just can't listen or read well.

In all actuality, these symptoms could be possible learning disabilities. Then again, there isn't a set-in-stone cause for learning disabilities. Rarely in some cases, disabilities can be genetic, but physicians also suggest that the person hasn't been exposed to a good amount of language or writing.

For UNO students, treatment is available. The most common methods are extended test-taking time, taped textbooks and volunteer note takers.

For those who are deaf, sign language interpreters are also on staff.

A main emphasis for the program is to strengthen the students, make them aware of their disability and to make them more-efficient learners.

Tutors and counselors also help the student select classes that can be handled according to their disability. The student must be aware that his or her handicap may not be fully cured, but will be improved upon.

For more information, visit the Disability Service in the Eppley Administration Building in room 117, or the Special Education and Communication Disorder department in Kaiser Hall, room 115.

**PUBLIC SALE:** There will be a public auction of university surplus property at the warehouse at 3805 N. 16th St. on Saturday, October 23. Standley Auction & Realty Co. will handle the sale. Items may be viewed starting at 8 a.m. on the sale day with the auction to start at 10 a.m.

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## Twenty Questions for the UNO Student

COMPILED BY BECKY BOYER

STAFF WRITER

(PHOTO BY CRYSTAL R. REID)



Name: John Svatos

Age: 20

Major: Journalism

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Omaha

1. Describe yourself in five words.: "Weird, energetic, spunky, quirky, simple."

2. What are you most proud of accomplishing and why?: "Being able to go to school with good friends and just have a fun time. Just enjoying my youth and meeting all kinds of new people."

3. What would you change about yourself?: "I would change my hair because it sticks up. It sticks up a lot, too much. Sometimes it's overwhelming."

4. What do you want to be when you grow up?: "I want to be a meteorologist. Seriously."

5. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?: "In 10 years, I see myself with a house, hopefully some type of stable career. Independent."

6. What's in your CD player right now?: "Sonic Youth. *Daydream Nation* is the name of the album."

7. Who is the greatest band/performer of all time?: "The Velvet Underground."

8. Greatest movie of all time and why?: "Pulp Fiction, because of the soundtrack."

9. Who are you voting for in this election?:

"Currently, I'm undecided."

10. Why?: "I'm still researching both candidates, in order to make the best decision. I want to do like a completely non-biased vote."

11. How do you feel about the war in Iraq?: "I believe the issue is being stressed too much now. On the importance of the war, I'm glad that Saddam is out of power but I think it would be nice to get our troops home."

12. How do you feel about the possible reinstatement of the draft?: "Against it. I'm scared. I don't want to be enlisted. I have respect for those people who are in the military, but it's just not for me."

13. What would you do to change the world?: "To change the world, I would try and bring political unity to the world, despite the fact that it's going to be impossible. But if we could all get along, stuff would go a lot better."

14. Who would win in a fight between Batman and Superman (and why?): "Superman because he's strong, that would be hard to argue for Batman. Of course Superman would win."

15. What would you change about UNO and why?: "I wish people would stop passing out so many fliers. It gets irritating. They get on my nerves."

16. Why did you choose UNO?: "So I could live at home and save money."

17. What advice would you give to incoming freshman?: "Go to class."

18. Anything you'd like to say to your professors?: "You rock me like a hurricane, baby!"

19. If you could meet anybody in history, who would it be and why?: "Macaulay Culkin from the *Home Alone* movies, which were the greatest movies ever in existence."

20. What question would you like us to ask the next student profiled?: "Why do people buy jeans with holes already in them? Seriously, that bothers me."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## My Chemical Romance seeping into Omaha

AMANDA GOREY  
STAFF WRITER

New Jersey natives My Chemical Romance will be bringing its gothic version of pop-punk meets hardcore to Omaha. The band is currently on tour in support of its major label debut, *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge*.

My Chemical Romance first came onto the scene in 2002 with its debut record, *I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love*, on New Jersey's Eyeball Records. In the past two years, the boys have gone from playing basement shows in their hometown to sold-out shows and worldwide touring.

Taking references from and inspired by comics, horror movies and dark, personal experiences, *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge* is a concept album examining the darker side of life. Recently signed to Warner Brothers/Reprise, the group is hoping to gain greater mainstream distribution and potentially gain

access to an expanded fan base.

Check out My Chemical Romance with local openers, Miles on End and Eyes Catch Fire, tonight at 6:30 p.m. This early, all-ages show will be taking place at the Ranch Bowl, 1600 S. 72nd St. Tickets are \$10 day of show.



My Chemical Romance

COMMENTARY BY JULIAN IVEY  
STAFF WRITER

If you're hip-hop, VH1's "And You Don't Stop" is a must-watch. The series is a five-part documentary on hip-hop culture. It begins with the origins of hip-hop, and then moves on through the major developments that brought things to where

they are today.

The documentary featured *everyone*. I was surprised it covered so many details. I especially enjoyed the N.W.A. and Public Enemy segments.

I never knew Chuck D was a radio DJ prior to his rapping career. I had thought Ludacris was the first person to make a successful transition between the two jobs.

## Wish You Were There *A quick re-cap of a concert you may have missed*

### The Shocker

REVIEW BY JOSH BASHARA  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Last Thursday night at the Ranch Bowl, a pretty eclectic group of kids converged to witness the homecoming of Keith Million, a.k.a. Keith Fonzarellie (former frontman of the Omaha punk outfit, the Fonzarellies).

An Omaha native, Million captured the hearts of hundreds of Omaha music fans with his glam-punk persona during his six-year stint with the Fonzies. Not long ago, Million escaped the local scene and signed on as guitarist with The Shocker, a punk band fronted by Jennifer Precious Finch (previously of the all-girl punk band L7). And yeah, the band's name is inspired by the sexual hand position that shares the same name.

The two most notable openers at the show were Evil Squad (featuring ex-members of Omaha hip-hop group Noizewave) and Suzie Homewrecker (an all-girl punk band, also from Omaha).

Both did an satisfactory job of hyping the crowd—albeit a small one—for The Shocker, even if their sets did leave a little to be desired in the way of stage presence. Not that it really mattered though; it was obvious that most of the kids at the show—a mix of old-schoolers and Ranch Bowl regulars—were there mostly for support and status rather than pleasure.

The Shocker's set started with a blast of refreshing in-your-face punk energy, which assisted in livening up the static crowd a bit. However, as the band plowed through songs on its new album, *Up Your Ass Tray*, I found myself looking from side to side and wondering why most of these people seemed like they'd rather be somewhere else. The band had glitz, its music definitely had style, but the crowd was just not taking the bait.

Overall, the band gave a good show, but you know there's something wrong when the guy who's having the most fun at the show is the drunk one at the bar.

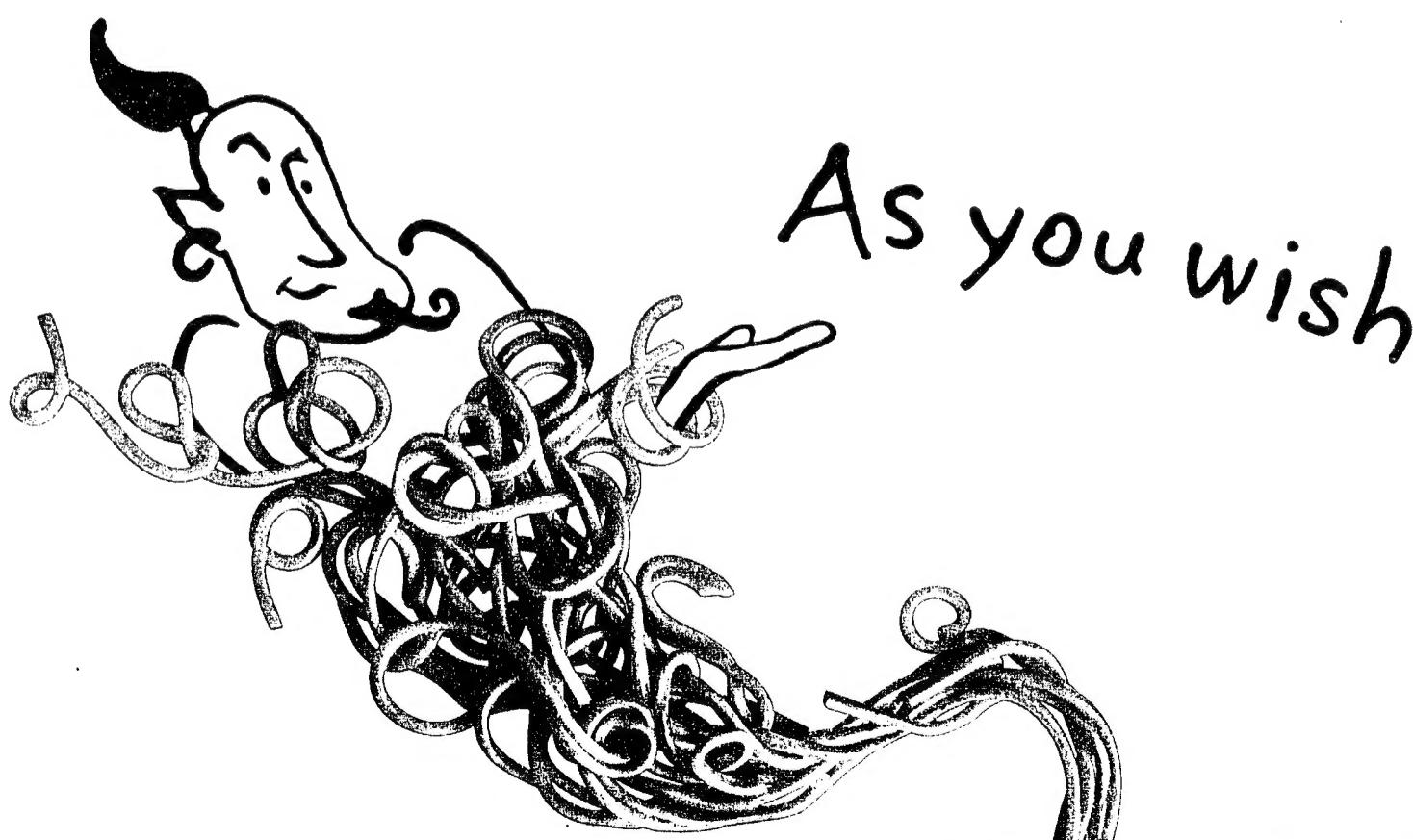
## Hip-Hop Notes

VH1 did an excellent job of following the culture's growth and expansion. I grew up about 45 minutes outside of New York City in Pennsylvania and I remember most of the things they spoke of. They did so well, in fact, I stopped being mad at them for not letting me be the next Danny Partridge.

Elliott Ness, formerly of Da Band, was almost shot to death last week. He is currently working on his solo debut for Bad Boy Records. When Ness could not guarantee the would-be collaborator's song would be on the album, a fight started and shots rang out. Ness made it out okay, but his Dodge Caravan wasn't so lucky.

Green Lantern releases an anti-Bush mix tape,

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# Homecoming 2004...



*Josh Williamson*

Above: The Chi Omega girls dance and cheer after being awarded the 2004 Homecoming Spirit Cup.

Below: The Marching Mavs perform during halftime of the Homecoming football game against Minnesota-Duluth.



*Mitchell Bishop*

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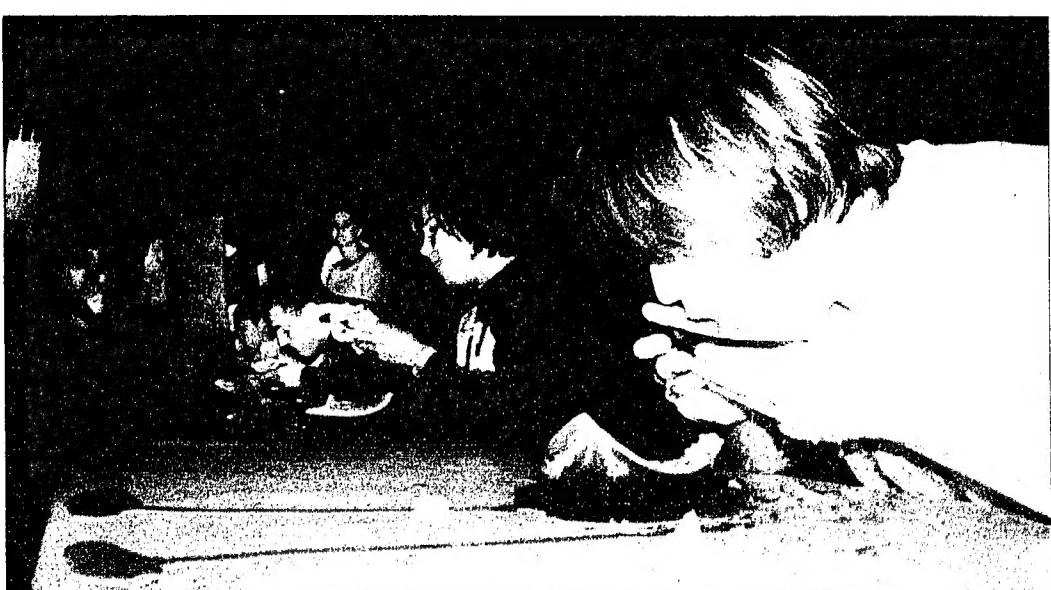
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# Highlights and happenings



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Above: Sarah Wilson attaches the head on Zeta Tau Alpha's "Sleeping Scarecrow" Tuesday night. The scarecrow building contest was part of Homecoming Hoedown's Hee Haw Games held in the Pep Bowl.



Michelle Bishop

Above right: Ben Ries inhales a watermelon during the watermelon eating contest Tuesday night during the Hee Haw games.

Far right: Tyler Zach, 2003's Homecoming king, crowns Lamarr Womble 2004 Homecoming king.

Right: Sarah Berg chows down on watermelon during the watermelon eating contest.



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## Tony award-winning *Rent* returns to Orpheum

REVIEW BY SOMMER LEINBACH  
SINKORSTAFF WRITER

Hailed as bittersweet and evocative, *Rent* has become a musical icon and returns to Omaha's Orpheum Theater Oct. 15-17. Packed with mature themes and rock 'n' roll songs, *Rent* made a name for itself on Broadway, and then, across the country.

Based off the opera *La Boheme*, *Rent* is set in New York City amongst young struggling artists desperate to make a go of life before

pop culture references, promiscuity and catchy rock 'n' roll tunes. It stares very serious issues in the face and forces everyone to take a long hard look. But it's not the shocking themes that keep people flocking to see the show; it's really the characters.

Mark is the narrator and aspiring filmmaker. He is behind the camera, never dealing directly in any of the conflicts. His roommate and best friend is Roger, a dreaming musician and recent recluse because his girlfriend informed him that they had AIDS

face, they also must come to terms with how they fit in with each other, their budding relationships and the trials that come along with their individual wars. Mark is the only character who seems not stricken with something outside of his control, and can often do nothing else but stand aside and watch.

The musical opens up on Christmas Eve. The stage is sparsely decorated, which is good news for all those with ribbed seats. Benny, it turns out, is the landlord of the building that Mark, Roger and Mimi live in. Benny intends

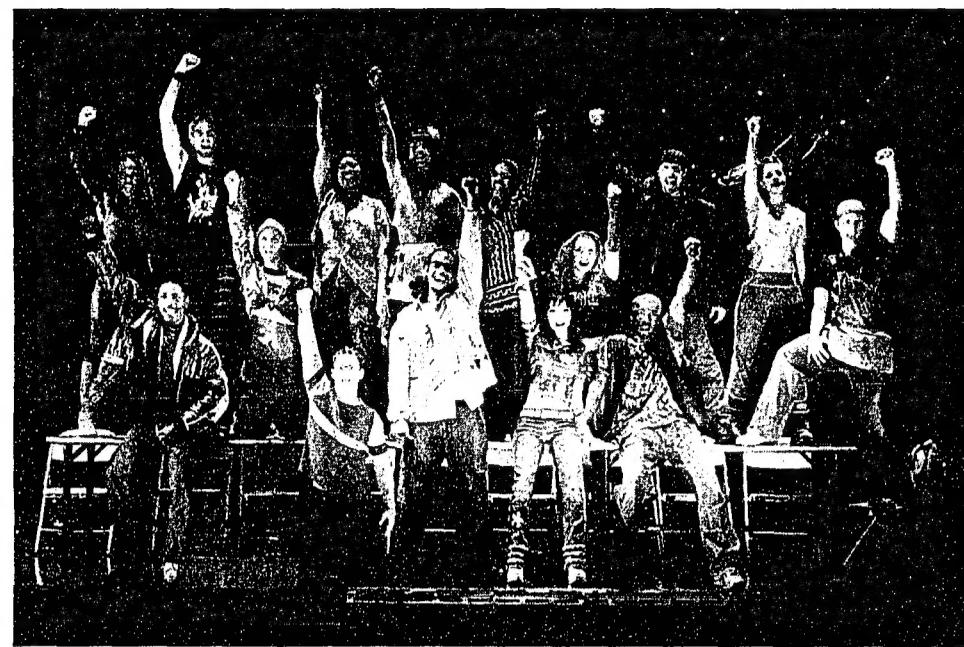
to force Mark and Roger to pay a year's worth of rent in one day. They all used to be friends, and until this day, it had seemed that Benny was allowing Mark and Roger to live rent-free. If the rent isn't paid, it seems, then eviction is imminent.

Merry Christmas.

How do you make a relationship work when you're dying? How do you make a life for yourself when you know there's not much time left? What do you do when the people you care about the most disappear? The themes of *Rent* are universal and frightening. It is not a show for children. So much of the musical is upbeat and very funny, and so much of it is sad and hard to swallow. Jonathan Larson knew that when he wrote it Larson's own life and death give the musical a power and meaning that can only be found in the great epic stories through time.

There's a reason *Rent* won the 1996 Tony Award for Best Musical as well as a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It's not something any review can do an adequate job of describing. It's an experience that everyone comes away from differently.

Tickets for *Rent* may be purchased through [www.ticketomaha.com](http://www.ticketomaha.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Omaha's Orpheum Theater is located at 409 S. 16th Street.



courtesy photo

The cast of 'Rent.' 'Rent' returns to the Orpheum Oct. 15-17.

it's too late. Musicians, dancers, singers, film makers... they all take on a very human, very flawed persona of humanity. Dealing with the dark side of betrayal, love, HIV, suicide and acceptance, there is nothing left to face when the curtain falls.

*Rent* steps beyond the modern taboos and cultural wars that would normally hold a person back. This musical is more than just

before she committed suicide. Tom Collins is returning from a teaching career that didn't suit him. He also has AIDS. Maureen is a performer currently dating Joanne, a lawyer. Benny is an old friend who married into wealth. Angel, a street musician, also afflicted with AIDS, befriends Collins early on. Mimi lives in the building that Mark and Roger do. She's got plenty of problems of her own.

Beyond the basic troubles each of them

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Sirius Bizness, hosted by Eminem. This mix tape is part of a combined effort between many groups, but mostly The Young Democrats of America. The mix tape is one part of a large effort by YDA along with its "Trick or Vote" campaign that will go down Halloween weekend.

South Park creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker say P-Diddy's "Vote or Die" campaign is bad for democracy because it empowers uneducated voters to vote. Diddy disagrees and says that's just plain stupidity.

I have two questions for anyone out there reading: Do you ever wonder whether or not republicans have a place in hip-hop? Who is right between the South Park creators and P-Diddy? Let me know at [julianivey@yahoo.com](mailto:julianivey@yahoo.com). I'll respond to your thoughts and views in two weeks. On one condition, though: I'm non-partisan, so don't come at me with your partisan rhetoric.

Beanie Sigel is going to be serving a year in jail after being found guilty on gun charges. Sigel is ready to do his time and filmed five music videos, his scenes in the *State Property* sequel and finished his third album, *The B-Coming*, which is due out in December.

In other Roc-A-Fella news, we have Jay-Z's rags-to-riches documentary *Fade to Black*, which has been picked up by Paramount Classics and will be in theaters Nov. 5. The film is narrated by Jay and follows him during the creation of *The Black Album*.

The Game is switching his lead single from the Dr. Dre produced "Higher" to another Dre production "Fresh 83." The new single's beat is supposed to be from Dre's archives.

Ludacris is about to release *Red Light District*, his follow-up to *Chicken-n'-Beer*. The album should be out Nov. 23 and the first single, "Get Back," was produced by the Medicine Men (formerly known as Beats by the Pound).

The Diplomats and Cam'ron are both about the drop new albums: *Diplomatic Immunity 2* at the end of November and *Purple Haze* at the beginning of December. I personally think Cam'ron is one of the best—if not the best—lyricists out there.

I'll be in D.C., Philly and NYC over fall break to get you the best and latest hip-hop information. Watch "And You Don't Stop" on VH1. It's the best hip-hop special I've ever seen. I hope you enjoy your fall break. Be safe and get ready to vote.

# SPORTS

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## UNO football team beats Minnesota-Duluth 38-24 in a Jekyll and Hyde performance

ANGIE PECK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Watching the UNO Maverick football team defeat North Central Conference newcomer University of Minnesota-Duluth Saturday was like watching Dr. Jekyll change into Mr. Hyde and back.

The Mavericks picked up a 38-24 homecoming game win over Minnesota-Duluth Saturday in front of 5,300 fans at Al Caniglia Field.

The Maverick defense held Minnesota-Duluth to a field goal in three quarters, but



Michelle Bishop

Jamar Day runs past the Minnesota-Duluth defense during Saturday's game. Day ran for 174 yards and scored twice.

then allowed three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

The Maverick offense saw Jamar Day run for 174 yards and score two touchdowns and Brian Masek was 12-14 for 196 yards with no interceptions. They controlled the ball for most of the first half, but were only able to put points on the board when defensive back Jeffrey Phelps and linebacker Taiwo Onatolu each picked off Duluth in the second quarter.

"We had been playing good offense, but we just didn't have any points to show for our yards," Masek said. "We struggled

before halftime, but we came back and did what we should have in the first half and put points on the board."

After having his first field goal attempt blocked, sophomore Andy Severson opened scoring with a 20-yard field goal in the first quarter. The Mavs then took advantage of Phelps and Onatolu's interceptions to put two quick touchdowns on the board in the second.

Phelps picked off UMD quarterback Kyle Opahle and returned it 26 yards to the Bulldog 30 and Masek hit Mike Nizzi on a corner route. Nizzi reached over UMD defensive back Tim Garceau for the touchdown.

Taiwo Onatolu stepped in front of an Opahle pass on UMD's next drive and returned the ball 14 yards, again to the Bulldog 30. Jake Krause picked up his first career touchdown pass on a 2-yard pass from Masek putting the score at 17-0 just before halftime.

UMD took advantage of the Mavericks' mistakes. UMD running back Dave Rufleit—after being held to only 66 yards in the first half—exploded, picking up an additional 119 yards and two touchdowns.

"We held him up for most of the game, but he just kept chipping away and wore us down," said Onatolu. "He racked up most of his yards in the fourth quarter."

UNO forced UMD to punt on the first drive of the second half, but Jeremy Anderson fumbled and UMD recovered at the UNO 10-yard line. The UNO defense did not allow UMD to pick up any yardage and forced them to kick a 27-yard field goal.

After a touchdown from Day, the UNO defense forced UMD to punt, Onatolu blocked a punt from Luke Radkeat at the 50-yard line, while running to the back for the easy touchdown. Onatolu fumbled the ball at the UMD 25-yard line and UMD's Mark Slinden recovered at the 16-yard line.

"I was holding the ball wrong, I should have tucked it, and my hands were slippery and I just dropped the ball," said Onatolu.

The drive resulted in UMD's first touchdown and a failed two-point conversion, bringing the score to 31-9.

On the next Maverick drive, UNO was forced to punt. UMD's Sam Brown blocked Don Grafton's punt, and recovered the ball at the UNO 29. Three plays later, UMD put another touchdown on the board, this time completing the two-point conversion for a 31-17 score.

"I don't know if we were ever not in control of that game," Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "There were some times that we looked awfully good on both sides of the ball, and then there were times that we didn't look very



Michelle Bishop

A referee tosses a penalty flag during a Maverick scoring drive in the second quarter. The University of Minnesota-Duluth was called for pass interference on the play.

good."

UNO answered with a touchdown pass from Masek to Shawn Ostlund, putting the game out of reach with only three minutes left. UMD picked up one additional touchdown before the clock ran out, making

the final score 38-24.

The Mavericks improve to 5-2 overall, and 2-0 in the North Central Conference. They return to action Saturday against Augustana in Sioux Falls, S.D. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.



Michelle Bishop

Taiwo Onatolu returns an interception during the second quarter of Saturday's game against Minnesota-Duluth.

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# Maverick Hockey gains first season opening victory, Stampede in Saturday, Sunday competition

**ANGIE PECK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO picked up their first season opening victory since their 2000 Maverick Stampede victory over Niagara on Saturday as the Mavericks put the University of Connecticut away 4-1 at the Qwest Center.

As if that was not enough for one weekend, the Mavericks came back Sunday night to win the Stampede for the first time ever with a 4-3 win over Merrimack in the championship game.

It looked as if the Mavs were going to run away with the championship game after a pair of goals by Bryan Marshall and Mike Lefley secured a 2-0 lead for the Mavericks, but Merrimack fought back in the second period, catching goalie Chris Holt outside the net for an easy open net score and

picking up a second goal in the last second of the period.

Merrimack's Jeff Royston evened the score with a goal at the 2:20 mark. Bill Thomas scored the winning goal off a rebound from a Scott Parse rocket, though at the time Parse thought he had scored, as well as Thomas, but Thomas saw a Merrimack defender still going for the puck, and Thomas tapped it across the goal line.

"I thought (Parse) scored and was about to start celebrating, but I saw the defender poke at it," said Thomas. "It didn't even hit the back of the net."

"It was a great pass," said Parse. "I thought I scored it and was already celebrating, but it doesn't matter who scored it."

On Saturday, UConn scored the first goal of the game on a power play; left wing Tim Olsen took a long pass, raced between the Maverick defense and slipped the puck right under UNO goaltender Chris Holt at the 17:53 mark.

"We knew the other team (UConn) was going to come out and in the second half we turned it up," Forward Dan Hacker said. "There wasn't one point where we thought we wouldn't win."

"I was very disappointed with the way we came out in the first period," said Head Coach Mike Kemp. "We did not

react the way I thought we should have."

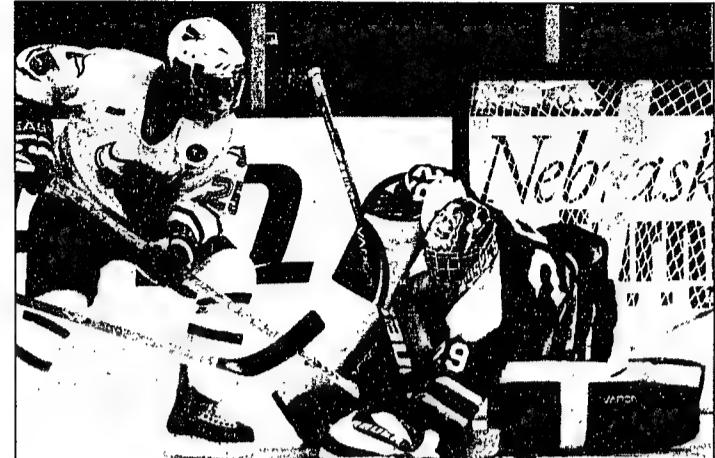
UNO had a two-man advantage in the middle of the second period. Hacker fired a pass over to Rob Chappell who rocketed the puck right by UConn goalie Scott Tomes, into the top of the net to tie the game at 1-1.

Captain Mike Lefley got a rebound off a blue-line shot from Mike Eickman and flipped it in net to give UNO their first lead in the game, 2-1, at the 19:18 mark of the second period and the Mavs never looked back.

Eickman gave UNO an insurance goal and picked up his first goal in a Mavericks uniform in the third period.

"I just jumped into the play, and yelled," said Eickman. "I didn't even get good wood on it, but it was enough for the goal."

After serving a two-minute penalty, Hacker exploded out of the penalty box, and was hit with a perfect pass for the breakaway



Michelle Bishop

Bryan Marshall watches the puck slip loose from UConn goalie Scott Tomes during the second period of Saturday's Maverick Stampede

goal at 11:38 of the final period.

"I was just thinking of how to redeem myself," said Hacker.

Maverick goalie Chris Holt picked up his first two wins of the season with a 16 save performance Saturday and an 18 save performance Sunday. Thomas, Parse and Holt were named to the all tournament team, and Thomas was named the tournament's MVP.

UNO is 2-0 for the first time in school history. Nebraska-Omaha has a bye week next weekend and will open CCHA play with a home series with Western Michigan on Oct. 22-23.



Chris Holt pounces on the puck during the first period of Saturday's Maverick Stampede tournament game against Connecticut.

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**ANGIE PECK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO picked up two more wins this weekend, putting Augustana away 8-1 on Saturday. On Sunday, they picked up their fifth shutout against North Central Conference newcomer Minnesota-Duluth 4-0.

On Saturday, UNO took on Augustana, and outdid their seven-goal performance from Wednesday versus Northwest Missouri State with a victory.

Brandie Beale recorded a hat trick, the third by a Mav in the last four games. She also added an assist. Meghan Pile, Erin Fosnaugh and Haley Fries all picked up their first goals of the season in the second half.

UNO scoring began early. Beale took a pass from Beth McGill and sliced it into the far right corner past Augie goalie Charise Hayward at the 6:13 minute mark.

Pile soared a direct kick to Beale who passed it to Willrett for the score less than six minutes after the first score. At the 22:09 mark, Beale tallied her second goal of the game on an assist from Ali Portell.

The Augies cut the UNO lead to two as Angie Hayes scored unassisted while catching UNO goalkeeper Amy Price out of the box.

UNO responded with a goal just before halftime as Portell received an indirect kick from McGill and placed the ball just under the crossbar.

Beale completed her hat trick at the 68:53 mark with an assist from Pile due to a free kick. With the assist, Pile picked up a different type of hat trick, with three assists in the game.

At 80:07, Amber Richardson sent a corner kick right in front of the goal as Pile recorded her second goal of the season, tapping it in for the goal from five yards out.

Five minutes later, Fries recorded her first goal of the year as she took passes from

Tricia Braziel and Jane Splittergerber in for the goal. Fosnaugh, notched UNO's final goal, with less than a minute remaining, from 20 yards out and right over the goalkeeper's head.

On Sunday, UNO got their first look at Minnesota-Duluth as a conference opponent. The Mavericks easily handled the Bulldogs, defeating them 4-0 and picking up their fifth shutout for the season.

Again, UNO used quick scoring to put away the Bulldogs, scoring three goals in the span of six minutes.

The scoring began at the 12:29 mark, when UNO took advantage of an offside call. Price rocketed a long ball to Beale who sneaked through the Bulldog defense and gave UNO their first goal of the day.

A corner kick from Richardson caused a scramble in front of the Bulldog net, Beale recovered the ball and passed it over to McGill who picked up her team-leading 15th goal of the season.

Willrett picked up the final goal of the half for UNO on a long pass from Richardson. The Bulldogs shut down the Maverick offense until the last ten minutes of the game. Willrett had a one-on-one opportunity against Duluth goalie Francisco, the ball rocketed off Francisco, as she was laying on the turf, Willrett scored easily on the open net.

Price and Ellen Petersen shared time between the pipes combining for the shutout.

Price recorded two saves including Duluth's best chance for a goal in the second half. Charging out of the box, Price was able to get a piece of the shot, but Duluth player Laura Mayerle, was unable to capitalize on the chance, missing the left post by a foot.

The Mavericks are now 12-2-1, including a 3-0 NCC record.

UNO's next game is Saturday against Minnesota State, Mankato, in Mankato, Minn. at 11 a.m.

## Volleyball team experiences first game five loss in Saturday's play

ANGIE PECK  
SPORTS EDITOR

The University of South Dakota handed No. 23 UNO their first game five loss of the season on Saturday, downing the Mavericks 3-2 (27-30, 25-30, 30-25, 30-24, 15-11) at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, S.D.

UNO took the first two games but could not put the Coyotes away in any of the final three games.

Carlie Christensen, who belted 17 kills, hit .359 with only three errors in 39 attempts and a match-high three service aces. Four other Mavericks recorded double-digit kills, including Amy McLeay (16), Ashley Freeman (14), Jenny Rankin (11) and Briana Ritter (10).

The Mavericks held a 79 to 68 advantage in kills and out-hit the Coyotes .205 to .203 in

the match.

Setter Christie Johnson recorded a double-double with 65 assists and 16 digs. She also added a career-high seven kills while hitting .500 with no errors in 14 attempts, registering two service aces.

Defensively, the Mavericks recorded a season-high 120 digs with three Mavericks tallying over 20 digs. Sophomore Stacie Wemhoff recorded a career-high 23 digs, while junior Chelsea Miller added 22 and senior Julia McConahay had 21.

Kristen Miller, who had a match-high 19 kills and 22 digs, and Lindsey Soukup, who registered 16 kills and a match-high 30 digs, lead the Coyotes past the Mavericks.

The Mavericks (12-6, 3-2 NCC) return to action Oct. 16 when they play host to North Dakota beginning at 6 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

## Maverick golf's stock takes lead in NCC women's golf tournament

ANGIE PECK  
SPORTS EDITOR

Amanda Stock fired an opening round 75 on Saturday at Indian Creek Golf Course to take the individual lead in the North Central Conference women's golf tournament, lifting the Mavericks into second place. Stock shot 37-38 on the 6,018-yard, par-72 layout.

Teammate Tanis Hastmann, bidding for her fourth straight NCC title, shot a 76 and tied for second with Laura Kluge of Minnesota State.

The other UNO scores from Saturday were Carly Froehlich 86, Ashley Sipe 88 and Allyson Yung 91.

On Sunday, Tanis Hastmann strengthened her bid for a fourth straight

NCC golf title with a one-over-par 73, giving her a three-shot edge over teammate Amanda Stock. Minnesota State-Mankato leads the team race by four shots over the Mavericks before Monday's final round at Shadow Ridge Country Club.

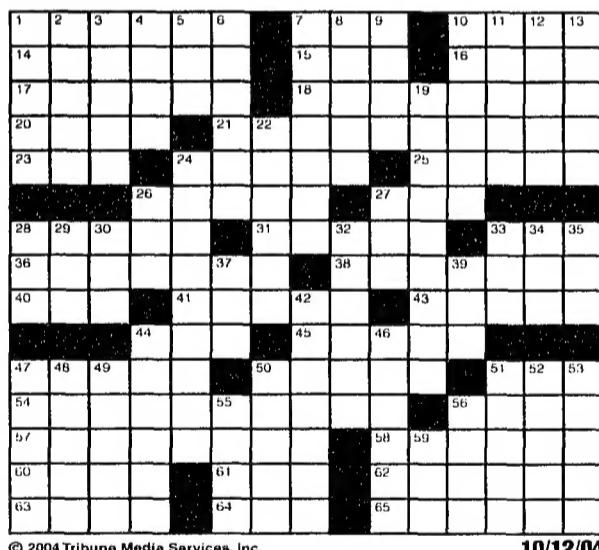
Stock, the first-round leader, shot a 77 and stands alone in second at 152. Carly Roach of Augustana, and Minnesota State golfers Laura Kluge and Lisa Spoden are all tied for third at 157.

The other UNO scores from Sunday include Carly Froehlich who shot an 84 for a 170 total, Ashley Sipe with an 83 for a two-round score of 171 and Allyson Yung who shot 85 for a 176 total.

The final round was played Monday at 9 a.m. at Shadow Ridge Country Club.

### Crossword

**ACROSS**  
 1 Cocktail crustacean  
 7 Got together  
 10 Truth known by observation  
 14 Roman ruler  
 15 \_\_\_ had it!  
 16 Traditional knowledge  
 17 Unpigmented  
 18 Reflected  
 20 Asset  
 21 Begat  
 23 Double curve  
 24 Brutal person  
 25 Neighbor of Austria  
 26 Lively dance  
 27 Ave. crossers  
 28 Giant  
 31 Magazine edition  
 33 Grievous distress  
 36 Develops gradually  
 38 Irrefutable  
 40 Sailor's assent  
 41 Different one  
 43 Confuse  
 44 LIRR terminus  
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 47 "As You Like It" role  
 50 Conical dwelling  
 51 Short swim  
 54 Overstate  
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 58 Soderbergh or Spielberg  
 60 Revise a manuscript  
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 62 Feeling ill  
 63 Affleck and Gazzara  
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 65 "Citizen Kane" director  
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 2 Passageways  
 3 Picture puzzle  
 4 Goddess of fertility  
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 35 Wind dir.  
 37 & so on  
 39 NFL scores  
 42 Actress Powell



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### Solutions

6 Drive forward	B E N S	S E R	W E L L E S
7 Champagne cocktails	E D I T	A D O	A I L I N G
8 Eject from the premises	L U T H E R A N	S T E V E N	G
9 Sales rep's region	E X A G G E R A T E	T E R E I	
10 Exhibits buoyancy	O E L I A T E P E E	D I P	
11 Main artery	N Y C	L I S T S	
12 Angler's basket	E V O L U S	C E R A T I N	
13 One Roosevelt	T I I T A N	I S S U E	W O M E
19 Repeat, often tediously	P O L K A	S T I	T A L Y
22 Dissolute	E S S	B E A S T	I T A L Y
24 Have a nice trip!	P L U U S	P R O C E R A T E D	
26 Chum	A L B I N O	M I R O R E	
27 Take to court	C A E S A R	I V E	
28 Pekoe or hyson	S H R I M P	M E T	F A C T
29 Harvard League	44 Dark periods	50 Exchange	
30 the line	46 Up-and-down motion	51 Beelzebub	
32 Play text	47 Show-biz notable	52 Rich or Castle	
33 Roll of money	48 Ooze out	53 Sonar sounds	
34 Lubricate	49 Ovid's tongue	55 Periods	
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# Fees, fees and more fees No vote left behind

Can anyone make sense of the alphabet soup conglomeration of fees that show up on our tuition statements semester after semester?

Two weeks ago, I was sitting in my news editing class when this question began to pick at my brain.

I asked several of my fellow students if they knew what the Tuition (RUOC) and UPF fees per credit hour were. To my surprise, not one of them knew.

At this point, I decided it was my duty to find out what these fees and abbreviations mean for me and anyone else who wanted to know.

I only chose to find out in this fall semester—my sixth—because 16 percent of my \$2,341 tuition is going to fees. (That's \$372 for anyone who, like myself, can't do math.)

Going to work for you, the students, I hiked down to the administration building.

And I found out some things, but still I'm a little confused.

Let me first tell you that since the fall of 2003, tuition per credit hour has gone up nearly 9 percent, or \$14 per credit hour.

But let's get going on the statement for this fall.

When I got to Cashiering/Student accounts, the lady working at the desk was somewhat helpful. She knew Tuition (RUOC) meant "resident undergraduate off-campus."

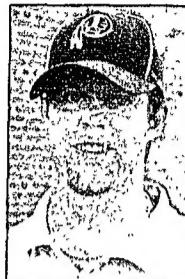
Excellent, one down, many to go, but I was learning Tuition (UIC) is for an undergraduate Internet course.

All of this information can also be found in the 2004-2005 undergraduate catalog, starting on page 28.

The first fee on my statement is a \$15 writing lab fee, which I was told goes to computer usage. Not until this day did I finally discover what a UPF Fee was. They are mandatory University Program and Facilities Fees. These fees, according to the undergraduate catalog, "support a wide variety of programs and services on campus." I was also told they pay for the HPER building. They do not however, support things like the library, or keeping up on technology. UPF fees are collected by way of a \$50 flat fee plus \$7.50 per credit hour with a cap at 12 hours.

This is where I became confused with the levy of fees. I came to find out that when you take an Internet class, you pay an additional \$60 distance education fee on top of the \$131.25

## The Weekly Rant



Andrew Crnic

per credit. That totals out to be a \$453.75 Internet class. You better get an A in that one!

The technology fee, \$6 per credit hour, is charged to provide technology resources to students, once again according to the catalog.

The lady at the desk then told me that the library fee of \$2 per credit hour was to keep older books in usable condition. It's a good thing she told me because it doesn't clearly say what this money is used for in

the catalog. As a matter of fact, none of the fees are really clearly defined in the catalog.

The smallest fee on the statement, the photo ID fee, was \$2. I figured if I was paying money out every semester for my student ID, I could get a new one each semester.

I was wrong. This money is for "keeping up on technology," which I thought was taken care of in the \$90 technology fee. I guess it costs \$2 per semester for my student ID to be in my pocket, because all I use mine for is checking out library books. (Notice how these "technology" fees kind of all run together?)

Now, here is my favorite fee. The \$20 Enrollment Services fee. When I asked the lady at Cashiering/Student Accounts, she told me I had to go to the Registrar to find out. So, I did.

When I got to the counter and asked, they told me to go ask Cashiering/Student Accounts. But I had already been there, and they told me to come here.

I waited for fifteen minutes at the counter, watching the person go into both offices behind the counter. When she came back, she told me that I had asked the \$10,000 question. Amazing! I wasn't trying to stump anyone, but I apparently had done just that. She was able to finally tell me that this fee covers sending transcripts for the rest of your life. Great, I thought. This is the last school I plan to attend. This fee does me no good, and I'm sure I'm not the only one.

She told me they really didn't know where this money was used, only that the administration levies this tax...er, fee.

She assured me that if I left my name and address, they would send me something in the mail. It's been three weeks and I've received nothing.

I don't imply anything from this column. I only desire a more clear definition of these fees.

If I would have received a reply by now, this column would have been unnecessary. But I have no choice but to use the power of the press to my advantage.

Question: What do the people of Afghanistan, Iraq and the United States all have in common?

Answer: The integrity of each of these country's elections is in question.

The polls in Afghanistan ended the other day under a cloud of controversy about whether the ballots were spoiled. Apparently the ink used to fingerprint voters was removable, threatening ballot integrity. All 15 candidates running in opposition to the U.S.-installed interim president Hamid Karzai initially withdrew in protest, claiming fraudulent elections.

An investigation is to follow, but no one knows what sorts of oversights will be used to determine the outcome. More than likely, the U.S. will lead any investigation, as it has the most influence politically, militarily and financially over the operations there.

But we can't even get our own elections right.

From high-priced campaign advertising to months-long negotiations between candidates for how debates will be structured (including favorable camera angles to make Bush look taller), most people know we are not getting much more than an expensively packaged product (the kind that catches the interest of children in the cereal aisles with promises of cool toys inside). But we adults also understand the toy is rarely as it seems on the box.

From recent news accounts, it appears as though we are facing as many election problems as we did four years ago, which left voters more cynical and questioning whether we have a democratic process or men working holographs from behind a curtain.

In the wake of serious issues following the 2000 elections — after Bush was given Florida by the Supreme Court even while questionable ballots had not yet been counted, and even after we learned many legitimate voters (mostly African-Americans, who traditionally are known to vote Democratic) were illegally prevented from voting — Bush

was selected to become one of only four presidents in the history of our country to supposedly win by electoral vote while losing by popular vote.

It is past time to abolish the electoral system, if we are ever to have real democracy in this country.

Under the electoral system, only 11 states determine the presidential elections, because by population they have the most electoral votes, rendering the remaining 39 states generally insignificant. In all states but Maine and Nebraska, it is "winner take all," which means if a candidate only wins 51 percent of the vote, they get to have all the electoral votes in that state, even if the remaining 49 percent of voters are vehemently opposed to that candidate.

According to Akhil Amar, Southmayd Chair of Constitutional Law at Yale Law School, our current form of "democracy" is tainted by a past to which we no longer ascribe. "The Electoral System was founded on racism and sexism," said Amar, adding it was connected to a lobby that supported the slave-holding system that we inherited. "It gave slave-holders an advantage," he said.

Amar explained in his NPR interview ("Electoral College System," Nov. 7, 2000) that the institution of an Electoral College was among the very last concessions agreed upon by the founders of the Constitution after the slave-holding South insisted they be given as much electoral power as the more populous North. Near the weary end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the South successfully lobbied for the Electoral College, touting higher population numbers by counting slaves among their citizenry. Ironically, however, those slaves were not allowed to vote. (And now there are questions about whether Florida is continuing that racist tradition.)

In a Sept. 27, 2004 *Washington Post* article submitted by former President Jimmy Carter, he claims more Florida voting trouble is expected.

Carter, a Democrat, and former

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This is the best way to avoid a grievance, by keeping everything fair between both parties.

From research that I've done, I can see that Elizabeth Kraemer wants to put students first and to be someone they can confide in. She wants to put Student Government in the students' view as being very existent and public relations is key here. She wants to provide solutions to all problems and establish accountability through Student Government.

Lamarr Womble loves UNO. He brings new and fresh ideas to the table and is willing to learn while providing the leadership he has attained prior to running. He wants to represent the needs and wants of the student, have a positive outlook while doing it and improve Student Government recruiting as the "HR" man.

Vince Drieling wants the students' opinions to be heard. He wants to get the students involved in the decision making process as his main objective in the campaign. His focus will also go on safety and security and also the student life experience.

Jessica Vincik feels she is the best candidate to represent as a vice president. She feels she can recruit talented students into Student Government and by creating a faculty-student relationship. She can get commuter students' opinions heard. She can also get school pride and event attendance on campus to increase.

Each ticket has lofty goals and we all know that goals without action are nothing but talking the talk. If you need assurance when you are talking to the candidates, ask them how they will do these goals and discern for yourself what is achievable.

It is apparent that Drieling/Vincik want to:

- A. Offer an experience
- B. Help students represent in the decision-making process
- C. Get in the classroom
- D. Find out why students go to UNO
- E. Create inclusive decisions

Ask Kraemer/Womble how they have done this in their past and if elected how they would achieve that better than Drieling/Vincik.

It is apparent that Kraemer/Womble want to:

- A. Be in touch with the students
- B. Start representation grassroots at the SG level
- C. Get all organizations involved to prevent division
- D. Lead others by example
- E. Empower all students through opportunities

Ask Drieling/Vincik how they have done this in their past, and if elected, how they would achieve that better than Kraemer/Womble.

B.S. - I plan to get others involved at UNO (Not credible)

The Real Deal - I will get students involved!

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Students want representatives and those that will relate to them and meet their needs. If a candidate is talking to talk, you should know it. I want to you keep in mind that the positions that a person holds does not dictate how much of a leader they are, it's what the person does with the concept. I have been in 10 things and gave 10 percent, but if I do one thing, I can give 100 percent because I'm not spread too thin. The general (president/vice president) doesn't win the war, the private (senator) does. I wish you the best of luck and also challenge you to make the right choice.

I hope that I gave some quality advice on how to select the best President/Regent and Vice Presidential candidates. As I said, this can also apply to the U.S. elections as well if you really want to take it a step further to improve our future on a national scale. Student Government wants to set an example as the official voice on campus, it starts at the top.

Sincerely,  
Tom Centarri

# MBSC Activities

## Milo Bail Student Center



Tues., Oct. 12th

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry  
9 am Staff Advisory Council  
11:30 am Political Sciences  
11:30 am Ollas Charla  
11:45 am Al Retirement Luncheon  
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
12 noon Project Achieve Workshops  
3 pm Service Learning  
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi  
5:30 pm Union Pacific Railroad  
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
6:30 pm World-Herald Banquet  
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7 pm Amnesty International  
7:30 pm Greek Endeavor  
8 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., Oct. 13th

7 am Campus Crusade  
8 am Traffic Appeals  
8:30 am Performance Evaluation  
9 am Convocation Robing  
11:15 am Convocation Reception  
12 noon Project SWWAC  
12 noon ALAS  
12:45 pm Economics Advisory Board  
2 pm Faculty Senate  
3 pm CCSW  
4:30 pm Pan African Student Organizations  
7 pm Debate Watch

Thurs., Oct. 14th

7:30 am High School & Community Breakfast  
8 am Judicial Officer Interviews  
8 am 8 Highways  
10 am Consider This . . .  
10 am Student Affairs  
11 am SHAC  
11 am Latino Heritage Month

11:30 am Judicial Officer Search Committee  
2 pm Greek Life Task Force  
3:30 pm American Democracy Project  
5 pm Faculty Women's Club  
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi  
7 pm Student Government

Fri., Oct. 15th

9 am Panhellenic  
12 noon AA  
12 noon Interfraternity Council  
12 noon IPD Graduation Luncheon  
2 pm Judicial Board  
6 pm Christian Church in Nebraska  
6:30 pm Christ on Campus  
6:30 pm Bahai Club

Sat., Oct. 16th

9 am NCNW Craft Fair  
11 am Delta Sigma Theta  
1 pm Sigma Gamma Rho

Sun., Oct. 17th

3 pm Muslim Student Association  
4 pm Sigma Kappa  
4 pm Theta Chi  
5 pm Lambda Chi Alpha  
6 pm Sigma Lambda Beta  
6:30 pm Theta Chi

Mon., Oct. 18th

FALL BREAK  
7:30 am College of Education  
7 pm ROSAS

Tues., Oct. 19th

FALL BREAK  
8 am FEA Conference  
9 am Family Medical Leave  
11:30 am Library Friends  
2 pm SAP User's Group  
6 pm Emerging Leaders

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president Gerald Ford, a Republican, were asked to make recommendations for changes after the 2000 Florida debacle.

But, according to Carter, who officially observes elections worldwide, those reforms have not been implemented.

Carter is accusing Florida's top election official, Secretary of State Glenda Hood, of bias saying, "It is unconscionable to perpetuate fraudulent or biased electoral practices in any nation."

"A fumbling attempt has been made recently to disqualify 22,000 African Americans (likely Democrats), but only 61 Hispanics (likely Republicans), as alleged felons," Carter asserted.

*The Washington Post* reported that

Mr. Carter said Florida Governor Jeb Bush - brother of George W. - had "taken no steps to correct these departures from principles of fair and equal treatment or to prevent them in the future."

Although our votes don't seem to count much at all, just this once it would be nice to see massive progressive votes cast in numbers not experienced in recent history, and then organize for real change after this election regardless of who takes over the White House.

The Nebraska deadline for registering to vote is Oct. 15 (this coming Friday). It's not what it should be, but just for fun, just this once, let's do it and see what happens. For this election, we even get to consider the Socialist Workers Party

who will be on the ballot in Nebraska for the first time against difficult odds. They are running a Hispanic man and a black woman as president and vice president, respectively. Their campaign slogan is: *It's not who you are against, but what you are for.* How refreshing. I appreciate the opportunity to vote with some integrity. (Just for the record, this is a Republican state and every electoral vote since 1964 has gone Republican. So we can truly vote our consciences, knowing that if we are not Republican, our vote probably won't affect the presidential election one way or another, anyway. We in Nebraska could just as well vote for The Cat in the Hat.)

But outside of the less-than-

democratic system for electing president, there are local elections where your vote could really make a difference. I'll discuss these in the near future, but don't miss the Friday deadline!

You can get hold of voter registration cards and information by visiting any of the political or advocacy groups on campus, like the Women's Resource Center. Just inquire at the UNO Milo Bail Student Center's information desk.

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